

The Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners held its regular meeting on Monday, August 28, 2006, in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano, Commissioners William Mageau, Thomas Partridge, Ann Polacek, Adrien Trudeau, and Dennis Whitman.

Members Absent: Commissioner Brian Choiniere

Also in Attendance: General Manager Theodore Garille, General Counsel William Bernstein

Chairman Palmisciano called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Good and Welfare of the District

A. MMWEC Presentation – New Stony Brook Plant

Joseph Roy and Ronald DeCurzio from MMWEC provided the Board with an overview of the proposed new construction at the Stony Brook Plant site. MMWEC's proposal included an offer for Pascoag to sign a Power Sales Agreement and participate in the process to bring the plant on-line by 2010. There was discussion on capacity credits, fuel costs and project participants.

B. PUC Data Request – Docket No. 1725

Ms. Allaire reviewed the information provided to the Public Utilities Commission regarding disconnection notices and actual disconnections during July. Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive and file the information, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. Energy Expo

Mr. Garille reported that the District has been invited to participate in the State Energy Expo to be held on Sunday, October 1, 2006. The Demand Side Management program will fund handouts and a video presentation on conservation. Mr. Whitman made a motion to receive and file the information, which was seconded by Mr. Partridge. The vote in favor was unanimous.

D. Communications

Ms. Polacek made a motion to receive and file the letter received from the Town Manager regarding the Riverwalk. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mageau; the vote in favor was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meeting – July 24, 2006: Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve as submitted, which was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.**

- Finance Subcommittee Meeting – July 25, 2006: Mr. Mageau made a motion to approve as submitted, which was seconded by Ms.**

Polacek. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. Committee Comments

A. Finance Subcommittee: Chairman Palmisciano reported that the Finance Subcommittee had met twice regarding the Capital expenditures and in executive session to discuss public funds.

B. Building Subcommittee: Mr. Whitman reported that the subcommittee met to discuss several projects, including the Water Station roof, new fencing, surveillance system, and server. He added the server location was changed to the safe room, resulting in a cost reduction. In addition, the Building Subcommittee would like to be present at all bid openings.

Mr. Trudeau made a motion to accept the Committee reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Harrisville Fire District Impact Fees

Mr. Bernstein recommended the Board table this item indefinitely, noting any fees would be dependent on new sources of water. Mr. Partridge made a motion to table the item indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Ms. Polacek. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Calpine-Dighton Plant

Mr. Garille recommended this item be deleted going forward. Mr. Partridge made a motion to table the item indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. Well #5 DEM Wetlands Application

Mr. Garille reported that the requested changes to the permit application were responded to and hand-carried to DEM on August 15th. Ms. Polacek made a motion to receive and file the information, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. New Business

A. Resolution 06-014: Approval of the 2006-2009 Capital Budget

Following discussion on the water meter line item, Mr. Partridge made a motion to approve the 2006-2009 Capital Budgets. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. National Grid Voltage Upgrade of Source Lines to Pascoag

Mr. Garille reviewed the requirement from National Grid to upgrade the two feeder lines to the District. Mr. Partridge made a motion to have Mr. Garille and Mr. Bernstein open negotiations with National Grid to address the situation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitman. There was discussion on pursuing green or renewable power. Mr. Bernstein suggested there may be grant sources or incentives available. Mr. Garille noted the District is a member of the

Renewables Collaborative in RI. Following the discussion the Board voted; the vote in favor was unanimous.

7. Financial Reports

- Water Department – Period Ending June, 2006**

There was discussion on the water exploration line item. Mr. Partridge made a motion to receive and file the report, which was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

8. Public Comment

Mrs. Helen Moroney asked for additional information on the letter from the Town Manager regarding the Riverwalk. Chairman Palmisciano read the letter.

Mr. Whitman thanked Mr. Garille, Ms. Allaire, and Mr. Guertin for their efforts at the hearing held in Pascoag by the Public Utilities Commission on July 26th. Mr. Whitman added that he was very impressed with how Ms. Allaire handled the testimony. Chairman Palmisciano added that the Board agrees.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Partridge made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Mageau. The vote in favor was unanimous. Chairman Palmisciano adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Brian Choiniere – Secretary
Board of Utility Commissioners